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Re: Veto of Ordinance 19-043

Dear Chair Ryan:

With this letter I am providing formal notice to the Snohomish County Council that I have vetoed Ordinance 19-043, passed by the Council on August 21, 2019. I have taken this action because I believe it is necessary to preserve the rural integrity of Clearview and other rural areas of unincorporated Snohomish County.

I made my decision after careful deliberation and taking into consideration the public response to the Ordinance. At a time of historic growth, we should protect rural areas of our county, and I believe that allowing this ordinance to go into effect would set a precedent for other rural parts of the county.

Clearview is a designated rural area, and as such, it is essential that we maintain a rural strategy of preservation and conservation. I don't believe electric signs are in alignment with that strategy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave S.", followed by a solid horizontal line.

Dave Somers
Executive